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- Up to 8 May 1953, the following observations were made in the Gardelagen area:
About 40 tanks were stationed in the woods 2 kilometers south of Ipse. They were repeatedly seen on practice driving. On the afternoon of 8 May, jeep [REDACTED] and 12 tanks, including [REDACTED] were observed in the terrain about 5 kilometers northwest of Letzlingen.
Earth gun bunkers were under construction west of the road from Jaevenitz to the Zienau barrier. Twenty-three bunkers were completed. They were covered with heavy beams and mud and had firing-ports pointing to the east.
Since two years, a unit of about 1,400 troops and about 50 trucks commanded by Major Bruyakov (fnu) has been stationed at the Fliegerhorst, Gardelagen. On the morning of 7 May, 4 companies of 4 platoons each, totaling about 360 soldiers with rifles and machine guns, left the installation and marched to the Bismark area via Kloster Neuendorf and Holzhausen. A field exercise was held in the Bismark area.
- Since October 1952, the Remonte-Schule Gardelagen has been occupied by the Unit Bobkov. The unit was motorized and consisted of about 400 troops with 15 trucks, 15 motorcycles and about 40 sidecar motorcycles. The troops received infantry training in the Jaevenitz area. Driving practices were conducted at the airfield. The major belonging to the unit met with a fatal accident. He was succeeded by Major Kachan (fnu). At 6 a.m. on 7 May, 40 sidecar motorcycles, including 18 sidecar motorcycles with machine guns, 17 motorcycles and 15 trucks with 15 soldiers each left the installation and drove to the Bismark area via Hamstedt. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED]

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Comment. Neither temporarily nor permanently, tanks were previously observed in the area south of Ipse. [REDACTED] northwest of Letzingen [REDACTED] tanks belonged to the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div or 7th Gds Tank Div, while the jeep belonged to the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. All troops reported probably were components of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div which had left their camp southeast of Jaevenitz for field exercises. The installation west of the road from Jaevenitz to the Zienau barrier is carried as an ammunition depot. Possibly the installation will be enlarged. It is rather unbelievable that gun bunkers or emplacements were constructed near the ammunition depot.

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Comment. The information confirms the 598th Mtz Rifle Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div at the Fliegerhorst Gardelegen until 7 May 1953. A Lieutenant Colonel Bruyakov (fnu) is carried as commanding officer of the unit. See

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[REDACTED] Another source of the reference report previously reported that the unidentified motorcycle battalion of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div was stationed at the Remonte Schule. Thus the information of the present report also confirms this unit 7 May 1953. A Major Kachan (fnu), possibly the battalion commander, is reported for the first time.

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Comment. [REDACTED] belongs to an unidentified unit in Buturlinovka, Moscow MD.

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